

World leaders pledge to combat terror



US President Bill Clinton holds hands with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday, as leaders posed for a group picture at the end of the Peacekeepers' Summit. To Mubarak's left are Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Peres: Teheran is capital of terror

DAVID MAKOVSKY SHARM E-SHEIKH

WORLD leaders, including the representatives of a dozen Arab states, yesterday condemned terrorism against Israel and pledged cooperation in implementing specific measures to fight terror.

There was hope last night that genuine momentum was created during yesterday's four-hour "Summit of the Peacemakers" in Sharm e-Sheikh attended by 29 countries.

In a final communique, the conference called for ensuring terrorists are brought to justice and countries do not allow them to use their soil as a springboard for attacks.

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Specific anti-terror measures were deferred to a working group, which is to meet within two weeks, US officials say.

The conference fell short of singling out Iran as the backer of international terror and did not institutionalize intelligence cooperation between Middle East countries.

An Israeli official said the Palestinians have uncovered some leads on how Iran is laundering funds, and noted that locating bank accounts will be key to their efforts.

At a joint press conference with co-host Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after the summit, President Bill Clinton declared, "I will go to Israel with a clear message that Israel is not alone."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres repeatedly lauded Clinton as a "great friend of Israel" who has always made himself available in difficult times.

Clinton starts solidarity visit in Jerusalem

BATSHEVA TSUR

US President Bill Clinton began a solidarity visit to Israel last night by meeting with President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

"We must not let the acts of the wicked few destroy the dreams of the many... Those who practice terror must not succeed," Clinton said in an arrival speech at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Clinton, who arrived at Beit Hanassi accompanied by Peres at 9:30 p.m., spent an hour briefing Weizman.

"I am here once again to express solidarity for the people of Israel, to express our grief at the loss of life, and to attempt to restore your security," Clinton declared when he emerged from the meeting with Weizman.

"The show of solidarity for Israel and against terror is very important... We thank you for the keenness of your interest," Weizman told Clinton.

Weizman stayed away from the airport ceremony, amid reports he was angered that the formal welcoming had not been held in Jerusalem.

"It was not a state visit," said presidential bureau chief Arye Shumer. "So [Weizman] did not have to welcome the US president at the airport."

Clinton will have a full schedule in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv today before leaving this evening. (Related stories, Page 2)

PM meets with heads of Gulf Arab states

Asks Yemen to send remains of Jewish poet to Israel

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres yesterday asked Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani to investigate the possibility of bringing the remains of 17th century Jewish poet Shalom Shabazi to Israel for reburial.

Peres said the unprecedented presence of 13 Arab leaders at a summit that essentially underscored support for Israel prompted him to make his request of Iryani, at the first public meeting between Israeli and Yemeni officials.

"In my talk with the foreign minister of Yemen, I even asked him to check the possibility to bring Shabazi's remains to Israel," he told Israeli reporters.

Iryani is familiar with the poetry of Shabazi, whose tomb in Taiz is revered by Muslims.

"He quoted a poem of Shabazi's about fruit and coffee," Peres said.

Peres did not say how Iryani responded to the request.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials hinted that Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad bin al-Khalifa yesterday invited Peres to visit his country. One predicted that Bahrain would follow Qatar and Oman in establishing a modicum of bilateral ties.

Speaking to reporters on the plane to Sinai yesterday, Peres said he had not yet decided whether to accept an invitation from Qatar and Oman to visit at the end of this month.

Mideast heads must be the real peacemakers

COMMENT BARRY RUBIN

AT the end of the day, the Sharm e-Sheikh international summit was a symbolic affair. It was a good sign - but one with little material significance - of broad support for Israel and the peace process, as well as opposition to regional terrorism on a scale unthinkable a few years ago.

The conference was also a frustrating, even diversionary, media event yielding little that could not have been attained without its convening. It also demonstrated the limits to consensus over the very practical, immediate problems facing the peace process.

So often happens, leaders are likely to conclude they have met their obligation to peacemaking by speechmaking.

The meeting's anomalies illustrate these issues very well. One was President Bill Clinton's absurd invitation to Syria, whose backing for terror in everything but open propaganda rivals that of Iran.

But the most important question is whether anything will actually be done to fight terrorism. After all, the threat we face is more often one of political will than high-tech measures.

Some of those countries - France, Germany, and Russia in (Continued on Page 2)

Peres: Closure will continue

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

THE IDF allowed a convoy of food trucks into the Gaza Strip and eased other restrictions yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he would keep the borders closed until those responsible for the suicide bombings are in jail.

Peres told reporters he would not end the overall closure which bars Palestinians from travel and trade with Israel until Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat puts all those responsible for terrorist attacks in jail.

"I don't think the time has come to ease up on our demands, because past experience shows that when we ease up, be [Arafat]

does, too. This time, we want him to go all the way," Peres said.

Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday they are considering deporting Palestinians with ties in suicide bombings in hopes of deterring future violence. These could include male relatives of suicide bombers.

"Whatever we can do to stop terrorism, we will do," Barak said.

Barak, accusing Arafat of not doing enough to crush Muslim militants, said that Israel's pull-out from Hebron is likely to be delayed.

"I don't see it happening in two weeks, unless there is a real change in the way Arafat fights terrorism," he said outside the conference room where world leaders were holding the anti-terrorism summit.

The army is scheduled to withdraw from Hebron, except for sections of the city where settlers live, on March 28.

The IDF eased the closure at Gaza's Karni terminal, granting permission for 35 truckloads of supplies to be brought in. However, only 12 truckloads of flour and rice arrived. Another 40 trucks will be permitted to unload at Karni today.

The school teacher is dead and of the five-year-olds, there's not many of them left," Scotland's Chief Constable William Wilson told a news conference.

Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister John Major sent horrified condolences. Many Scottish politicians were close to tears as they expressed their shock in parliament and on television.

Major, in Egypt for the anti-terrorism conference, said he was horrified by the news. "My heart goes out to the parents, families, and teachers of those who were killed and injured," said Major, a father of two.

Gunman kills 16 children in Scotland

DUNBLANE, Scotland (Reuter) - A man with four guns shot dead 16 children aged five and six and a woman teacher yesterday in a "slaughter of the innocents" at a Scottish school before turning a gun on himself.

Thomas Hamilton burst into a physical education class in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School, opening fire on the children and their teacher. Fifteen children were killed in the gymnasium and one died later in the hospital, police said.

It was the worst shooting massacre in British history. Hamilton, 43, was a bachelor who lived in the nearby town of Stirling, police said.

Hamilton was a former Boy Scouts leader who had been asked to resign in 1974 after allegations of improper behavior. Britain's Press Association news agency said. One local council official said he had been accused of taking photographs of semi-naked boys. Neighbors said he had a fascination with guns.

"It was a random attack," a police spokesman told reporters. "I know he was known in the area." News reports said Hamilton began by trying to take the children hostage. It appeared he then methodically shot almost every child in the class of 29 before killing himself with one of four handguns he carried. Seven children and two adults are still in the hospital. Police said three of the children were in critical condition.

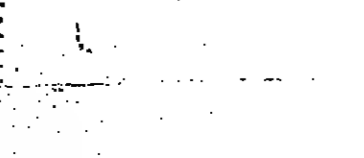
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PEACEMAKERS' SUMMIT

Olmert partially backs down on Clinton's visit

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JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert backed down on his threat not to help in the preparations for President Bill Clinton's visit...

The ban on official Jerusalem school participation at the event remained intact, because the government and Clinton did not agree to Olmert's demand that the US president make a memorial stop in Jerusalem...

The US Embassy issued a statement saying Clinton decided not to visit hospitals and the site of one of the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem on the advice of Israeli security officials.

The president was persuaded by Israeli government officials that security concerns would make these [visits] impossible, said the embassy communiqué.

Five pupils from Jerusalem's Experimental High School, which was slated to send pupils to Tel Aviv today, wrote to Clinton, asking him to intercede with the municipality...

"We are shocked by the arbitrary decision of the mayor of Jerusalem... to deprive us of our rights to participate in your meeting with Israeli students from all over the country," the pupils wrote.

One of the pupils, Lital Nadra, 16, said the pupils tried to get Olmert's decision repealed, but were sent from one official to another until someone at the Foreign Ministry told them their places at the gathering had been

taken by pupils from other parts of the country.

The students wrote in their letter to Clinton that "our absence at the meeting with you has been imposed on us for no good reason in cynical manipulation. We are with you and we want to show it."

Meanwhile, municipal sources said that late Tuesday night Olmert gave the go-ahead for municipal crews to help in the preparations for Clinton's visit, after the Prime Minister's Office and police consulted with the city about traffic arrangements during Clinton's stay.

Olmert had threatened not to help - in particular to refrain from hanging US flags throughout the city and not aid police in informing residents about road closures during the visit - on the grounds that the city was not involved in the decision of which roads would be closed and when.

The sources said the police agreed to close streets for less time than during previous visits. But police sources denied this, saying the only changes in closing times were made because of changes in Clinton's schedule.

Many commuters left Jerusalem early yesterday afternoon to avoid the road closures. By about 3:00 p.m., several hours before Clinton's arrival, traffic jams were reported at the western exit of the city.

Also in the afternoon, hundreds of policemen and soldiers began spreading out along the highway between Ben-Gurion Airport and the capital in anticipation of the presidential motorcade.

Some 10,000 policemen are taking part in "Operation Song 4," the code name for the plan to secure Clinton's visit in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.



President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Shimon Peres inspect the honor guard at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. (Reuters)

'City that never stops' to halt for Clinton

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIVIANS' lives are likely to be disrupted this afternoon with the arrival of US President Bill Clinton, as police cordon off main streets and ban parking in areas near the performing arts center, where he will participate in a memorial service with high school students.

The area will also be closed. At noon, Shaul Hamelech will be sealed off to traffic. At 1 p.m. Kaplan, Leonardo da Vinci and Berkovitch streets will be closed off. At the same time, drivers will be banned from using Shefa Tal and Arvei Hanahal streets connecting Ramat Gan to Tel Aviv.

Conference fatigue takes its toll

SHARM E-SHEIKH (Reuters) - HEADS slumped forward, yawns stifled, the peacemakers found conference fatigue just as hard to tackle as the threat of violence to Middle East stability.

In a luxury tourist hotel beside the glistening Red Sea, world leaders sat through a three-hour session of 28 speeches and countless condemnations of terrorism.

Asked how he stayed awake, US President Bill Clinton said: "I worked at it."

He flew in overnight on an 11-hour flight from Washington to this Egyptian resort to co-host the hastily arranged conference billed as "The Summit of Peacemakers."

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's head drooped, another victim of a long flight.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat stared glassy-eyed, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres looked close to nodding-off.

"It's a shame they didn't leave themselves time to relax here," said a European diplomat looking out over the placid Red Sea bay, where security frogmen in dinghies were virtually the only sign of life in waters usually teeming with bathers.

But the holiday atmosphere took away some of the sense of urgency from the summit.

Tourists in bikinis wandered past Gulf Arab delegations in traditional flowing white robes and package groups played bingo on Tuesday night outside the building where Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met Arafat to prepare for the summit.

The two men had a choice of venue - the Sharks Room or the Barracuda Bar.

Peres, seizing the chance for bilateral meetings before the start of the conference, shuffled between the hotel's whitewashed villa apartments as bemused officials traipsed across flower beds to keep up with his busy agenda.

Hamas repeats threat of more bombings

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Hamas has not called a truce in its bombing campaign against Israel and will continue it "until the liberation of our land," its representative here said yesterday at the "Islamic National Conference to confront the Terrorism Summit" held in a Beirut hotel.

"Our four latest attacks in the homeland did not come as part of a political scenario, but rather in the context of a strategy aimed at continuing the struggle until the liberation of our land," Moustaapha Liddawi, Hamas's representative in Lebanon, said.

"Our dignity and our pride is in those corpses which are ripped apart like exploding bombs throughout our land, and we will continue on this road," he said.

"There is no such truce and we did not and will not hand over our arms to the Zionist enemy or the Palestinian Authority," he said.

About 100 Lebanese Moslem clerics, Hizbullah parliamentary deputies, and Lebanese political party officials attended the conference.

Libya also reiterated its opposition to the anti-terrorism summit held in Sharm e-Sheikh

yesterday. "Algeria and Tunisia's participation at this conference constitutes a shock for the Arab Nation, particularly that this conference will reinforce the Israeli's protection and guarantees their security," the official Libyan news agency IANA said.

But in a separate comment received in Tunis, IANA praised Egypt for trying to focus the summit on strengthening the Middle East peace process instead of concentrating on "anti-terrorism."

In Gaza, Hamas justified its armed attacks against Israel and appealed to the anti-terrorism summit to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. "We call upon you to adopt your past stands of demanding the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces, to stop all features of occupation immediately and to open the door for the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination," Hamas said in a statement addressed to the summit. Hamas said its policy is not to attack individuals or interests or to carry out strikes outside Israeli-controlled areas.

Hamas: Religion, resentment, revenge

FOR six months, there were no successful Hamas suicide attacks against Israelis and it seemed the Palestinian Authority had indeed made an arrangement with Hamas which reduced attacks.

The situation was comfortable for Israel and for the Palestinian Authority but not, it seems, for Hamas. Since the latest terror spree showed that this arrangement failed, what went wrong?

The answer given by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is that Israel killed the person most responsible for the previous wave of terror, Ythye Ayyash, and so Hamas no longer felt bound by the arrangement.

Whether Arafat allowed Ayyash his freedom, coordinated the assassination with Israel, or did not know he was in Gaza, points to a flaw in the Washington handshake which launched the peace process. For the sake of peace with Hamas Arafat - who described Ayyash's bombings as "criminal" and "terrorist" - ended up calling him "a holy martyr," as though Israeli lives were of no consequence, and encouraged others to see him as a role model.

Polls taken in 1995 showed that more than 30% supported Ayyash's suicide bombings, roughly the percentage which has consistently opposed the Oslo accords. Most of that 30% support Hamas.

Without Hamas's ideological backing, Ayyash, like Fathi Shkaki, the Islamic Jihad leader, might have been assassinated as a terrorist with the same lack of regret which Arafat displayed after Shkaki's death, or after his police shot dead two Islamic Ji-

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had gunmen wanted by Israel. Not everybody in Hamas supports violence, but Hamas cannot afford to condemn violence formally, because it sees itself as the purest expression of Islamic struggle in Palestine.

If it condemns violence, it splits, and if it splits it is like splitting the Moslem Brotherhood from which it developed. Even Imad Falouji, who left Hamas to run for the Palestinian Council on a Fatah ticket in January, refuses to condemn the bombings. "They are sad, but Israel is to blame for not withdrawing from Palestinian territory," he said.

Attacks on Israelis inside Israel, sanctified by suicidal "martyrdom," were a safety valve. They expressed practical opposition to Palestinian-Israeli peace, weakened Arafat without retribution, weakened Israel and the peace process, and made Hamas a political player.

Its support actually dwindled in the six months of no noteworthy attacks. Today, following the Palestinian elections, Hamas's clear political interest - given its dwindling support - is to influence the Palestinian Authority from within, at least until the talks on a final settlement reach their decisive moment in 1998-99.

Politically speaking, terrorism now seems to have no point. But now, as in 1988 when it was formed as the armed wing of the Moslem Brotherhood in Palest-

MIDEAST states present, radical political violence is a major problem that involves their very survival and objectively gives them some common interests with Israel. With all due respect to the providers of oral or material support, the peacemakers are in the Middle East itself. Bilateral cooperation between Israel and these neighbors, which will usually be conducted far from the bright television lights, provides a real prospect for far more effective counterterrorism. The writer is a senior fellow at Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hamas planned to overthrow Arafat The Palestinian Police has seized documents indicating Hamas planned to overthrow Yasser Arafat. "We found documents [which] give us evidence that Hamas was planning to be a substitute for the Palestinian Authority and to sabotage peace," said PA Attorney-General Khaled Kidreh. News agencies

Court blocks big settler demo THE High Court of Justice yesterday refused to allow the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria to hold a large demonstration during US President Bill Clinton's visit to Jerusalem last night. The court accepted that the police did not have the manpower to handle a large demonstration and the council decided not to hold any protest, as even a small one would have to be far away. Evelyn Gordon

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IDF kills four Hizbullah gunmen

Bombardments on IDF and SLA seen as defiant reaction to summit



Hizbullah gunmen prepare to fire a Katyusha rocket yesterday at the security zone from a fortified post in south Lebanon's Iqim al-Toufah. (Reuters)

AT least four Hizbullah gunmen have been killed by IDF troops in the past 48 hours - two of them north of the security zone, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday. The other two were killed during fierce exchanges yesterday, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions along the length of the security zone. The Hizbullah barrage began around 6:30 a.m. The timing of the bombardments, the most

widespread since last month, was viewed as a gesture of defiance by the Iranian-backed terror organization against yesterday's Sharm el-Sheikh anti-terror summit. Military sources said Hizbullah gunmen once again breached Operation Accountability understandings by using homes and public buildings in villages north of the zone as cover. In one case gunmen were spotted firing a mortar from the roof of a school in the Nabatiya area.

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north of the zone. Army sources said the IDF made every effort to hit only the terrorists and avoid harming civilians. Nevertheless, Lebanese radio stations reported that two civilians had been wounded in Ronmaoe village and another two in Toulin village, both in the Nabatiya region. Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah gunmen fired scores of

mortar rounds, Katyusha rockets, Sagger anti-tank missiles, and RPGs at IDF and SLA posts from the coast to the foothills of Mt. Hermon in the east. There were no IDF or SLA casualties, however. The IDF Spokesman said at least two Hizbullah gunmen were killed and several others wounded as a result of IDF fire. The spokesman said the other two Hizbullah gunmen were killed on Monday during an initi-

ated activity in the Jab't Rafiah region north of the zone. Meanwhile, Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon and Syria staged a general strike yesterday to protest against the anti-terror summit and the crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the territories. Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah's attacks yesterday may have been aimed more at undermining activities by the rival Amal Shi'ite movement.

Opposition moves Golan bills forward - to dead end

THE opposition yesterday passed in preliminary reading three bills aimed at preventing territorial concessions on the Golan Heights in Jerusalem without a special majority. However, the victory was an empty one, as the bills cannot be carried over into the next Knesset. The three bills were submitted by Uzi Landau (Likud), Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party),

and Avigdor Kahalani and Emmanuel Zissman (Third Way). Landau's bill called for a special Knesset majority of 80 MKs to endorse concessions on the Golan Heights; Levy's, 70; and the Third Way's bill demands the approval of 60 MKs or 50 percent of all eligible voters in a public referendum for concessions on the Golan or Jerusalem. Although the plebiscite was nearly empty for the debates,

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some 70 MKs showed up to vote. The bills passed by a majority of two votes, despite attempts by coalition chairmao Ra'anan Cohen to muster more of his MKs to the plebiscite. Wheo Kahalani and Zissman first raised the bill last summer there was a massive turnout for the vote. The bill failed when Deputy

Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb (theo Yi'ud, now Atid) refused to support it. In his speech, Landau compared Prime Minister Shimoo Peres to a compulsive gambler in his approach to the peace process. Kahalani noted that Gama had been more important than Massada and had fallen three years before Jerusalem. He said a coin found at Gama

had been inscribed "the struggle for Gama is to preserve Jerusalem." "The person who orders the withdrawal from the Golan Heights will be the one who in the future harms Jerusalem," Kahalani said. Justice Minister David Liba'i, responding for the government, called the bills "undemocratic" for permitting a minority of MKs to block political moves.

Bomber's family asks state for welfare aid

LIAT COLLINS
READING from a form requesting welfare benefits for the family of a suicide bomber, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday gave the Knesset plenum an insight into the thinking of terrorist groups. The request for mooney was made from the Islamic Rescue Committee, registered in Israel as a non-profit organization, operating from Nazareth. It apparently acts as a cover to raise funds abroad for Hamas. Committee head Suleiman Ikhbariya, 30 Umm el-Fahm resident, was recently arrested. The benefit request was submitted by the mother of Iman Atalalla. Under circumstances of death is listed: "Died: September 12 1993; Place: Gaza; Circumstances of incident: suicide mission in booby-trapped car." The terrorist was single, aged 20, and one of a family of nine. The field report submitted with the form noted: "An inquiry revealed the victim's family has many children and is poor. The victim was one of the members of Izzadin Kassam, the Hamas military wlog, who sacrificed their lives for their religion and homeland. Therefore we recommend aid amounting to \$150 a month for a year."

Court hears petitions of 7 terrorists' families

EVELYN GORDON
THE High Court of Justice yesterday finished hearing seven petitions by terrorists' families against the demolition of their houses, and is expected to issue a decision within the next few days. An eighth petition, by the uncle of Yüye ("The Engineer") Ayyash, was withdrawn yesterday after the state insisted it be filed by Ayyash's immediate family; i.e. his wife. The court agreed, but attorney Lea Tsemel did not think Ayyash's wife would be willing to submit a petition and withdrew it. The court heard petitions by the family of Majid Abu Warda, who committed the first bus No. 18 bombing in Jerusalem two weeks ago, and the family of Ibrahim Sarahna, who committed the Ashkelon suicide attack the same day. It also finished hearing a petition by the family of Abed Dudin, who recruited the suicide bomber who blew up bus No. 26 in Jerusalem in August. With regard to Sarahna, attorney Radera Khoury argued that his mother is ill with heart problems, and lives with two sons who are also ill. None deserves to lose their home because of Sarahna, she said. "But what remains of the deterrent if someone like this knows that the worst that can happen [to his family] is that his room of the house will be sealed up?" demanded Justice Gavriel Bach. "Someone who does something like this isn't thinking about his family, he isn't thinking about anyone," retorted Khoury. Government attorney Yochi Genessin said the situation makes strong deterrent measures necessary. Khoury also charged a double standard, noting that Yigal Amir's house was not destroyed

after he killed prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. However, Bach said, the difference is that the entire country denounced Amir's act, and there do not appear to be people lining up to follow in his footsteps. In contrast, he said, the suicide bombers are heroes to large portions of the Arab population in the territories. With regard to Dudin, Khoury argued that the house in question was not his; he had simply been renting it from his brother. However, the justices appeared skeptical, noting that his brother had ignored the fact that the rent was not paid for years at a time, and that the contract was long-term, for 10 years. The Abu Warda family, meanwhile, submitted a novel request. If the court rejects their petition, they said, they want to be allowed to destroy their own home, instead of the army demolishing it. Genessin objected strenuously to this idea, saying part of the deterrent effect of the demolition is for all the neighbors to see IDF troops destroying the home. However, Justices Bach, Dalia Dorner, and Mishael Cheshin seemed open to the idea. Earlier this week, the court heard four other petitions: one from the family of the bus No. 26 bomber, Sufiyao Jabarin; one from the family of Lahib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing in July; one from the family of Muhidin Sharif of Beit Hanina, who gave Jahario the explosives for his attack; and one from the family of Iman Seedar of Abu Dis, who recruited the terrorists responsible for the shooting attack in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva neighborhood and the suicide bombing opposite the Jerusalem International Convention Center, both in late 1994.

A CALL FOR PEACE

Commitment by Jews and Arabs Throughout the World to Support Peace and Fight Terrorism

Intellectuals and artists, Jewish and Arabs, from all over the world met in Tel Aviv at the invitation of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East to promote the establishment of peace centers in all Arab countries, and have issued an appeal to the Israeli and Palestinian peoples: In order to put an end to the atmosphere of terror resulting from actions of Hamas and extremists on all sides, we feel it essential that the peace process be accelerated and become irreversible:

- To uproot the danger of terrorism through the combined efforts of the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority.
- To remove all references to the destruction of the State of Israel from the Palestinian Covenant.
- To quickly transfer areas and power to the Palestinians in accordance with the agreements.

On our side, we must embrace a policy which will extricate the Israeli people from its current "siege mentality" and allow it to better appreciate the forces for peace existing in the Arab world. In this spirit, we welcome the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Arab states and call for the strengthening of these ties. We dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace, to the encouragement of mutual understanding between Arabs and Jews, and to the promotion of cultural ties and academic and economic contacts.

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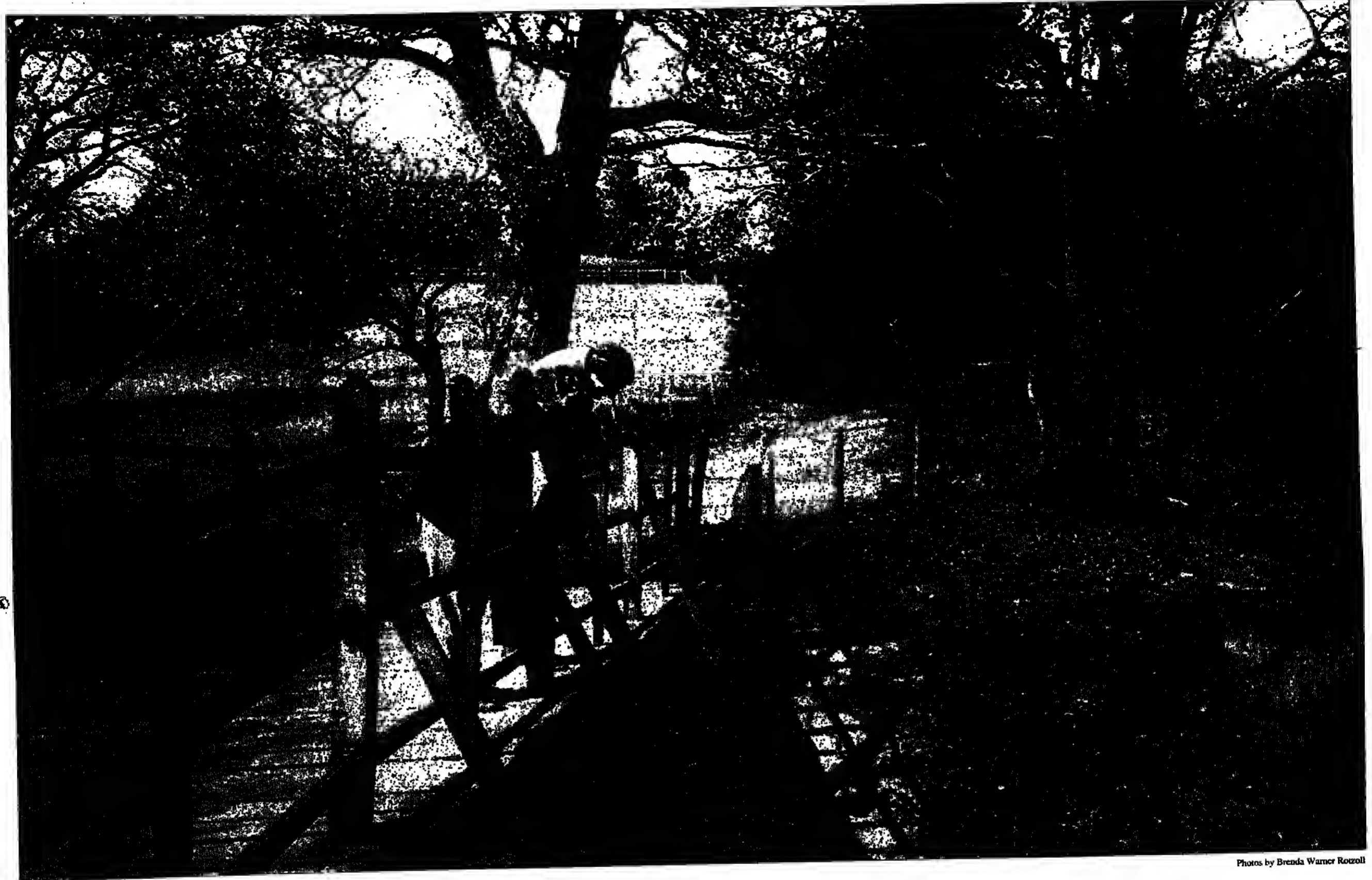
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Pooh's Corner of England



Above: Find some twigs and play with a friend.
Left: The way to Pooh Bridge is clearly marked. There you can imagine Christopher Robin, Pooh and Piglet playing Poohsticks.

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll
Chicago Sun-Times

HARTFIELD, England—Night was falling, the road signs didn't mention my destination, the engine kept dying and oncoming traffic on the narrow road repeatedly forced me toward a shoulder that wasn't there, scraping the car against an earthen bank.
Why was I in the middle of nowhere with the left half of the car smeared with mud, my face pale, teeth grinding, hands slippery with perspiration? It was all the fault of books.
Once again literature was charting my travel course. Lots of literature. A lifetime of English history books plus Nigel Calder's *The English Channel*, a Georgette Heyer historical romance set in Kent and Sussex, A.A. Milne's children's books and, the clincher, Susan Alleo Toth's new *England As You Like It*.
I was hooked when Toth said Milne used a real forest for his setting of the Winnie-the-Pooh books and people could go there, and play Poohsticks on the very bridge where Pooh invented that beguiling game.
I had to be in England to take the London-to-Paris train through

the EuroTunnel beneath the English Channel. Why not see the sights near the Channel's Folkestone entry point, commune with Pooh and Tigger and Piglet and their pals, and see the remains of the Cinque Ports, England's great defense ports of the Middle Ages, most of which have since become landlocked or fallen into the sea.

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Along the way I could make a pilgrimage to Canterbury cathedral. I'd keep costs down by renting the cheapest car, and doing my London travel by Underground instead of by taxi.
Penny-pinching was a mistake. Cheap cars in Britain have stick shift, and while I'm used to it, with the controls on the wrong side of the steering column I kept turning on the windshield wipers instead of the turn signals, and killing the engine. Next time I'll pay for

automatic shift.
Traveling from Heathrow into London by Underground cost about \$5, compared with \$9.30 for the airport bus to Victoria Station, or about \$60 by taxi. Trouble was, I'd forgotten all those stairs between platforms. Thankfully kind gentlemen saw me bumping my wheeled suitcase up the steps and carried it up for me or I might still be changing trains at South Kensington.

WINNIE-THE-POOH

"Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Friday, Winnie-the-Pooh lived in a forest all by himself under the name of Sanders," A.A. Milne wrote in the opening chapter of his first Pooh book. In the book it was simply *The Forest*. In real life, it is Ashdown Forest, near Milne's Hartfield home.
England hasn't many forests. Ashdown, more like patchy woodland to my spoiled Wisconsin eye, has lots of heath, with heather and gorse and milkwort and bellflowers and marsh gentians, beneath a canopy of oak, birch, alder and beech. More than a thousand deer roam its 6,400 acres, laced with horseback riding trails (and lots of horse droppings, walk warily).
I parked in one of numerous roadside parking areas and walked in the better part of a mile, through woods, down a little road, past a

farm and down a lane to Pooh Bridge. Along the way I picked up twigs to play Poohsticks, the game where two or more people drop twigs from the upstream side of a bridge and rush to the other side to see whose twig comes out first.
There was no one to sight until I reached the bridge, where Anne Waldron and Monica Cecil of nearby Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells were enjoying their monthly outing and lamenting that they had no sticks. I shared mine and we happily dashed back and forth across the narrow wooden bridge, laughing like giddy young girls.
If you go, wear your heaviest walking shoes. The paths are muddy, lumpy and riddled with roots. To find Pooh Bridge, drive to Hartfield and for 40 cents buy a hand-drawn map at Pooh Corner, a point of pilgrimage since 1977 for lovers of Winnie-the-Pooh.
This Pooh Corner, combined with Christopher Robin's Sweet Shop, is a little store in a 1690s Queen Anne building with more Pooh things than you ever dreamed existed. There are window pictures, coasters, tea towels, cups, Pooh alphabet pens, coloring sets, cards and paper, pencils, mugs, notecard files, notebooks, puzzles, clothes, games, posters, boxed miniatures, door plaques, height charts, the inescapable T-shirts, clocks, key chains and framed copies of E.H. Shepard drawings from Milne's works. Strangely, there were no hunny pots and no manifestations of Rabbit or any of his Friends and Relations.
Hungry? Step through an opening to an ice cream parlor.
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Raise Your Glass to Dublin's Literary Legacy

By Sarah Stewart Taylor

A famously gray city, with gray stone buildings, wet rainy weather and residents who dress in varying shades of black, Dublin's charm grows on you.

In the center of Dublin, the soot covered facades of factories and buildings along the River Liffey—the same buildings that writer James Joyce wrote about in *Dubliners*—overwhelm you. And when you walk down the two sides of the river, the rivalry between "north siders" and "south siders" is obvious. The north side is poorer, more dangerous at night, and, north siders say, more authentically "Irish."

With all this pollution and tension, what is it that attracts thousands of visitors to Dublin each year? The repository of significant historical and literary landmarks, it is an obvious stop for any vis-

itor. But Dublin's lure lies beyond that of physical monuments. The atmosphere in Dublin—the same feeling that inspired great writers—is what keeps people coming.

A WRITER'S DUBLIN

In Joyce's time, north Dublin was a grander place than it is today: many of the city's best addresses were on the north side, at places like Parnell Square, where the *Garden of Remembrance* and the Dublin *Writer's Museum* reside. The *Writer's Museum* is worth a visit, though if it's Joyce you're interested in, consider a visit to the James Joyce Center on North Great George's Street, where the Monaghan family, descendants of Joyce's on his mother's side, are happy to chat, answer questions and direct you to the numerous Joycean landmarks in the area.

Readers of *Ulysses* will want to see number 7 Eccles Street, the fictional address of Leopold

Bloom and the real address of a friend of Joyce's who reassured the author upon a returning Dublin from abroad that Nora Joyce, the author's wife, had not been having an affair in his absence.

If you walk down Baggot Street, you'll enter what is known as Georgian Dublin. Merrion Square and the surrounding streets boast exquisite examples of Georgian townhouses with their brightly colored doors that typified fashionable Anglo-Irish Dublin. The National Museum in Merrion Square offers a good collection of Irish art, including works by Jack B. Keats, brother of the famous poet William B. Yeats. Just off Merrion Square are the government buildings, the National Library and the National Gallery.

The National Library is another stop on the *Ulysses* tour. Readers will remember it as the site of the Scylla and Charybdis chapter, where Stephen holds forth about Shakespeare.

BEYOND BOOKS

The south side of the River Liffey is where most of Dublin's tourist attractions are. You might want to take a walk down the river to the Half penny (pronounced Hay-penny) bridge and enter the Temple Bar neighborhood through the Merchant's Arch.

Temple Bar was once a dingy and dangerous neighborhood famous only for the musicians that utilized its numerous practice studios, but has been revitalized in recent years by an influx of trendy boutiques and galleries. The excellent Irish Film Center shows art house films and serves as a resource for budding Irish film maker, of whom there are many. The recent frenzied activity in the Irish film industry is partly responsible for the new vitality in Temple Bar, and on any night of the week, young Neil Jordans (director of *The Crying Game*) and Jim Sheridan (director of *My Left Foot*) can be found imbibing at one of the many pubs in the area. Have a pint of Guinness at the Temple Bar or The Norseman and enjoy the "craic"—an Irish word for good atmosphere and good company.

Exit Temple Bar on Dame Street and you'll find the imposing facade of Trinity College on the right. Trinity is a popular destination for the more adventuresome sons and daughters of Oxford and Cambridge graduates.

There's an array of tourist activities at Trinity, but don't be swayed by the giant signs proclaiming the "Dublin Experience." It's a multimedia bore. You're much better off with a tour from the Trinity history students who will show you around and give you a free Irish history lesson, including background on the founding of the university and the many famous Irishmen who have attended over the years. Check when the tours leave at the booth just inside the front gate.

The Book of Kells is one of Dublin's most famous sites. The Celtic renderings are impressive, but the small room in the old Trinity library where the books are kept and the impossibly long lines make the visit an ordeal. If you do brave the crowds, make sure to go upstairs to the Long Room on your way out. The old library houses books that



Above Left: Enjoy "craic" at the Temple Bar.

Left: Dublin Writer's Museum is located at Parnell Square on Dublin's North Side.

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CELTIC SOJOURN

Irish Festival Tours introduces visitors to the Emerald Isle's culture, song and soul. The company has four different tours scheduled between May and September 1996.

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These tours are co-hosted by Paddy Clancy, co-founder of The Clancy Brothers. In addition to vintage clothes, gifts and local pubs, participants can savor the music of local performers.

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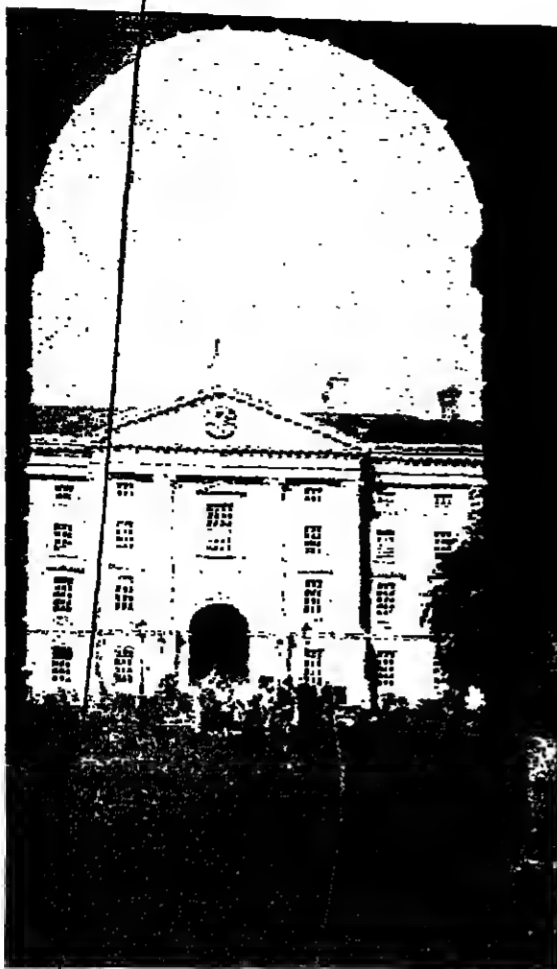
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Sign up here just inside the gates of Trinity College for a tour of Dublin with history students.

are several hundreds of years old and gives you a feel for what it must have been like to study at Trinity in the 18th century. Tourists can also have a pint at The Buttery, Trinity's student pub. This is a great place to rest your feet, people watch or to get a cheap lunch.

The National Gallery has a superb collection of Celtic art, including the Tara brooch and other pieces of early Irish goldwork, along with a fine gift shop.

South of Trinity is Grafton Street, a pedestrian shopping area that teems with musicians, vendors, students and business people. Visit Brown Thomas, an old Dublin shopping institution and skip the St. Stephen's Green Center, a run-of-the-mill shopping mall at the bottom of the street, next to St. Stephen's Green. The Green itself is a beautifully manicured park with a duck pond and garden where Dubliners sit or feed the ducks on nice days.

HOW ABOUT A STOUT?

Harry Street, off Grafton Street, is home to McDaid's, the narrow little pub where Irish wiser and drinker Brendan Behan spent much of his time. It is also where a famous exchange is rumored to have taken place between Behan and the Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh. Behan, it seems, had a bit too much to drink and made a remark about Kavanagh being a second rate poet. "Yes," Kavanagh replied, "Aren't we all since Homer?"

Another good pub is Donoghue's on Baginbun Street at the northeastern tip of St. Stephen's Green. O'Donoghue's boasts the best pint of Guinness in the city and locals mostly concur. This is also one of the best places to hear traditional music in the city. The jukeboxes and Irish institutions used to play here, and their portraits still adorn the walls. Make sure to arrive early for a seat, especially on the weekends.

Traditional music is one of the most magical things about Dublin and there are scores and scores of excellent places to hear it played. Try Beal Bock, named for the Flann O'Brien novel of the same name. Seanson's on Lower Baginbun Street has traditional Irish set dancing a couple of nights a week—a lot of fun even if you don't feel up to joining in.

If you're interested in modern art, wait until you get to London or Paris. Though Ireland has produced more than its fair share of modernist writers, it is lacking in the modernist visual artists. Visit the Modern Art Museum in Kilmarnock, but spend the bulk of your time at the Kilmarnock Gaol, an old prison which is now a museum celebrating the 1916 Easter Rising in which a small band of revolutionaries declared independence from Britain and were promptly arrested and executed. The myth of Easter 1916 is an integral component of modern Irish history. The museum does a good job of explaining the build up of the independence movement and the long, painful road to independence in 1922.

In close proximity to Dublin there are a number of interesting day trip North of the city, at the top of Dublin Bay, is Howth, a picturesque seaside town with lots of good seafood restaurants. Take a hike around Howth Head, especially beautiful in the springtime when the rhododendrons are in bloom and then fill up on just-caught fish at the King

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IN IRELAND, NAMES MATTER

By Ron Butler

Kilkenny, Ireland—I didn't come to Ireland to find my roots, but they found me.

Upon arriving in this picturesque town of 15,000 inhabitants (75 miles from Dublin by car), strange, wonderful things began to happen. People were opening doors for me. Pretty ladies smiled. Little kids followed me down the street.

The reason for the attention perplexed me. Was it my suit? White suits conjure up thoughts of far away places and interesting people: Hong Kong, Bombay, Panama City, the Deep South, Tennessee Williams, Faulkner, Jay Gatsby, Bogart in Casablanca, Mark Twain. But that wasn't it at all.

All the attention, I soon discovered, was because of my name—Butler. Kilkenny, with its great castle steeped in history, has been the principal seat of the far-reaching Butler family for more than 600 years.

Kilkenny Castle, situated in the heart of this historic and picturesque city, overlooking the fabled River Nore, was built by William the Elder in 1172. It became Butler property in 1391 when James Butler, 3rd Earl of Ormonde, purchased it after the previous occupant suffered financial setbacks and was forced to leave Ireland. The castle has been the key stronghold of the Butler family, Earls and Dukes of Ormonde, the most powerful family in Ireland, from 1391 until the present day.

So if your name happens to be Butler and you're in Kilkenny, it's almost automatically "Guinness on the house." Talk about Irish luck.

Along with its Butlers, Kilkenny is famous for its pubs, so many in fact that the Irish refer to Kilkenny as "the oasis of the southeast." I visited a few. I stopped in Maggie Holland's Caislean Uí Chuaín, Fennelly's, Grogan's on the Bridge and the Court Arms. After that, I lost track of their names. My white suit was a shambles and somewhere during a rousing rendition of "Danny Boy" I lost my notebook.

Pubs (from publicks or public houses) are a national institution in Ireland. In Kilkenny, as in most Irish towns, they form the center of social life. It's the average man's clubhouse, a place to meet his friends or find new ones, match wits with his enemies, and forget the cares and problems of the day by washing them all away with a creamy pint of Guinness stout.

Stout (also called porter plain) is the national drink of Ireland; the national weakness is having "just one more." There's a saying here that goes, "A bird never flew on one wing."

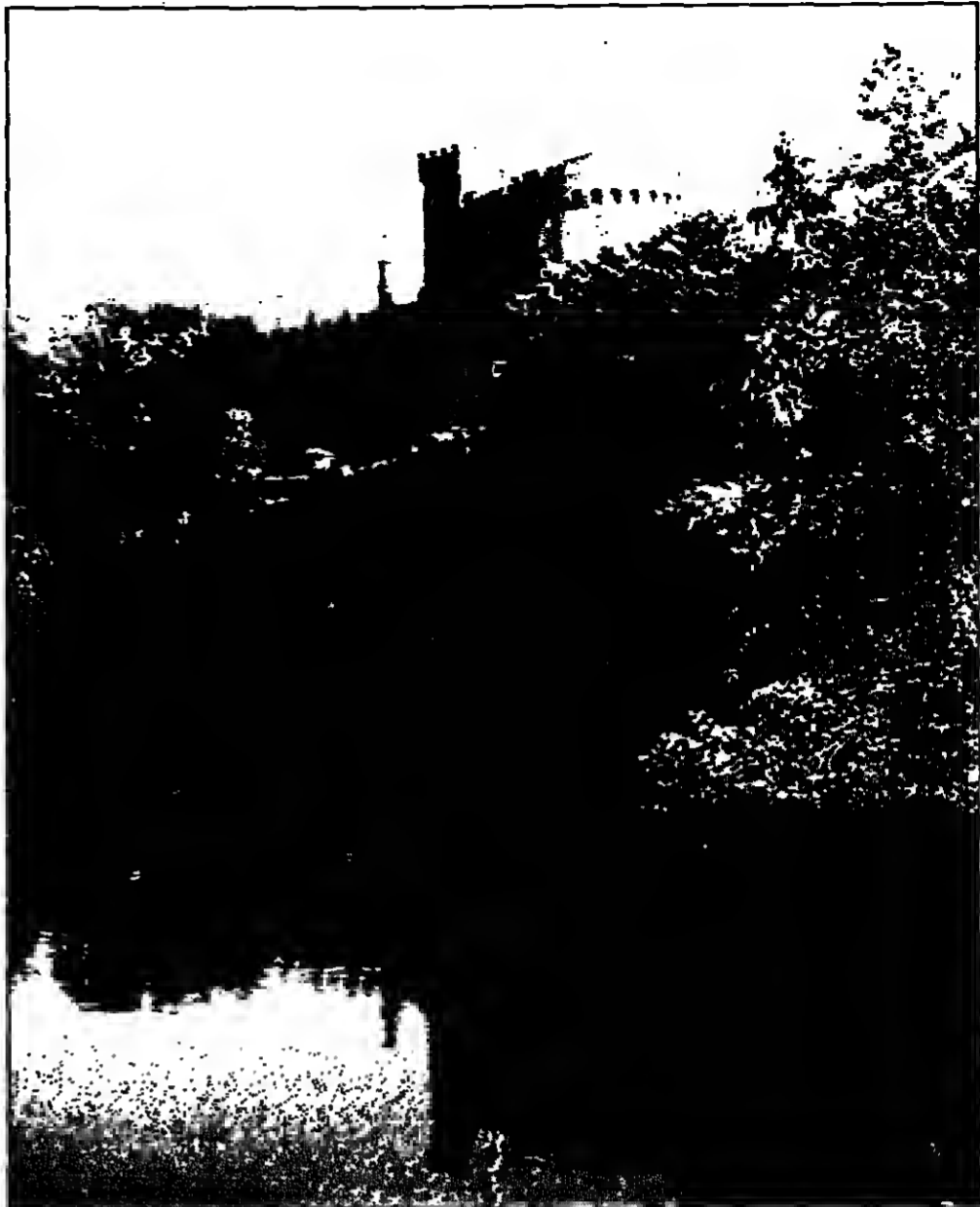
There's another saying: An Irishman is the only man in the world who will climb over the bodies of a dozen naked women in order to get a bottle of stout.

My father was Irish, of course. His family came from nearby Waterford where the famous crystal is made. Born in New York, he always dreamed of visiting Ireland but never made the journey. Instead, he spent a good part of his life visiting all the bars and taverns in eastern Connecticut where we lived, in search of his mystical past.

Kilkenny Castle, restored in recent years to reflect much of its historic grandeur, is the jewel in the city's crown. A wing of the former servants' quarters is now the Butler Art Gallery where, along with changing shows of contemporary art, family portraits abound. The old Castle Kitchen operates as a restaurant during the summer.

Around the castle is a 50-acre park with a children's play area and lush green lawns. Nowhere in the world are lawns greener or better kept than in Ireland. The castle's former stables house the Design Workshop where woollens, sweaters, linens, porcelain, glass, kitchenware and other Irish handicrafts are sold. The Tourist Information Office is here as well.

Another major point of interest is St. Canice's Cathedral, dating back to the 13th century. One of Ireland's most beautiful, it has a superb round tower, part of which—100 feet or so—is open to



The crown jewel of Kilkenny, Butler Castle is steeped in history.

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visitors. During the 17th century, Cromwell plundered the city, desecrating the church and smashing its stained glass windows and baptismal font. Horses were stabled inside.

Kilkenny is also the site of the St. Francis Abbey Brewery, built around the shell of a 13th century Greyfriars' abbey, one of Ireland's oldest.

Too bad my father, who never had a white suit, couldn't have joined me. Misty, wistful Ireland, with its tall stories and strong drink and fair maidens. Perhaps we could have crossed the edge then,

one to the other, to finally view life through the very same eyes.

Ron Butler is a freelance travel writer.

IF YOU GO

Aer Lingus is Ireland's national flag carrier with daily flights. Prices range, depending on time of purchase and length of stay. Check with travel agent for low-cost charter flights. Kilkenny can be reached by train from Dublin, via Dublin-Waterford line.

Where to Stay:

The Newpark Hotel on Castlecomer Road (from \$80 per double) has one of the top-rated dining rooms in town. Also outstanding is the 60-room Kilkenny Hotel on College Road (from \$100), with tennis court and indoor pool.

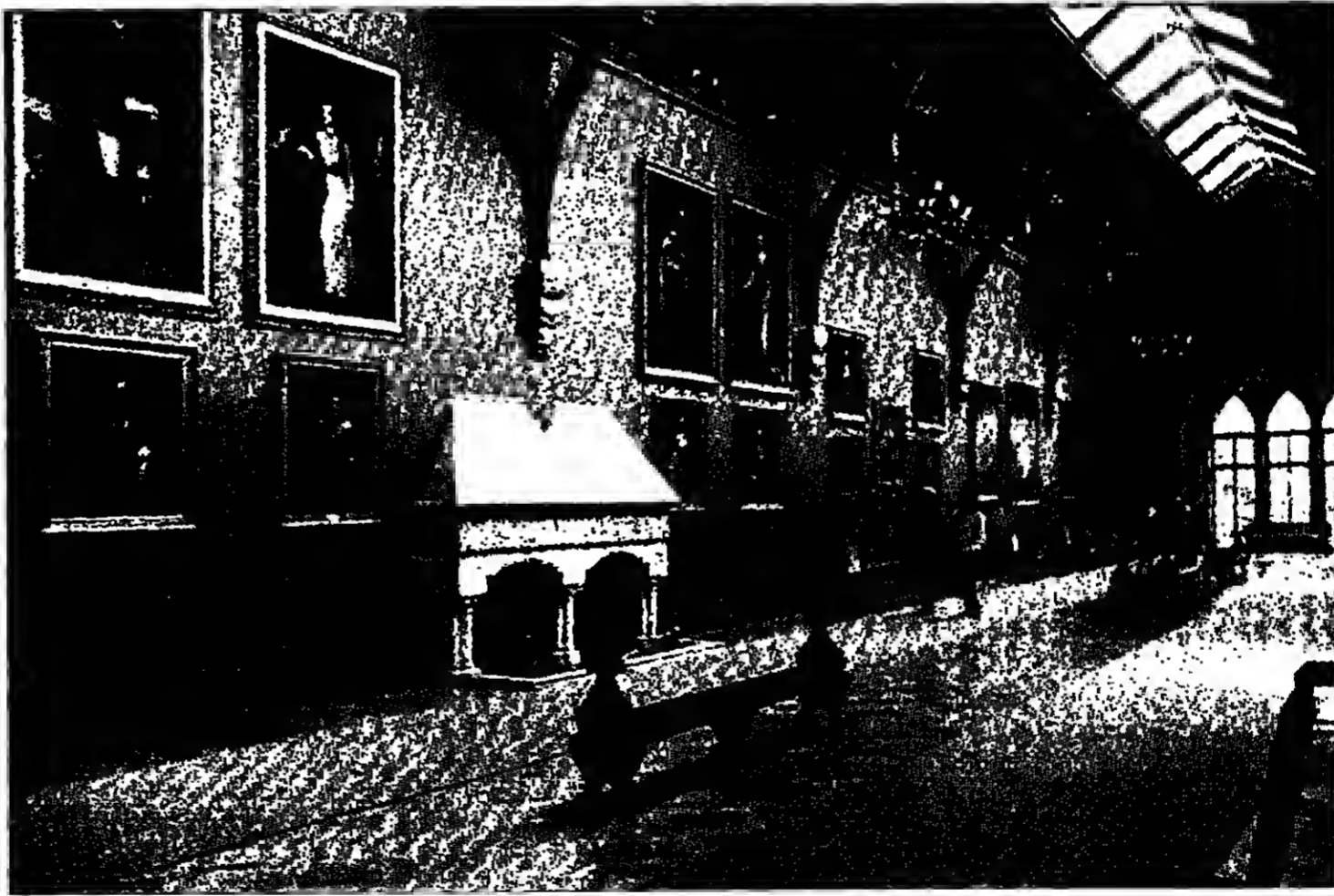
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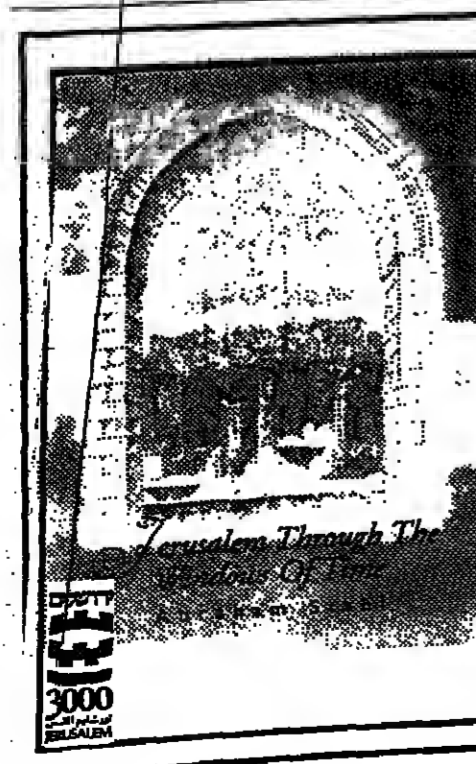
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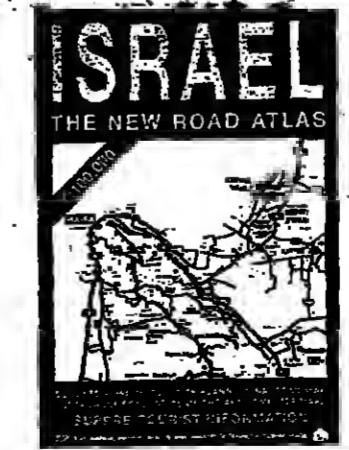
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Pubs: The Average Man's Clubhouse

When Stephen Dedalus pondered the impossibility of crossing Dublin without passing a pub, he wasn't kidding. In Ireland's capital city, pubs (from "public house") are everywhere. To the first-time visitor, it seems incredible that such a small city could fill up so many of them. But Irish pubs are more than just places to drink. They serve as social clubs, lecture halls, day-care centers and boardrooms. The wonderful thing about them is the fantastic cross-section of society you'll find sitting at the dark, wooden tables on almost any day of the week or year. Elderly ladies with glasses of whiskey, kids with orange sodas and bags of crisps (potato chips), business people doing lunch and poets working on the next big work.

Tips for a successful pub visit:

1. "Crack" is the Irish word for "good times," not a controlled substance.
2. Irish pubs can seem like bastions of masculinity, but if you're a woman, don't worry. You're very welcome.
3. If you're with a group of people, try to grab a "smug," one of the booths that are tucked away in little rooms next to the bar. In times past, these were for women. Nowadays, anyone's free to use them.
4. Irish people tend to drink in rounds—one person buying for everyone, then someone else doing the same. If you want to pay for your own, say so.
5. Irish bartenders (or waiters) don't expect you to tip, but they won't complain if you do!
6. "Oisín Guinness" means a pint of the black stuff. If you just want a glass, ask for a half.



Dublin's charm lies in the streets, in the people.

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Citric or the charming Casa Paspa. South of the city is Sandycove, home to the Martello Tower where Steven Dedalus and Buck

Mulligan find themselves in the opening pages of *Ulysses*. Joyce actually lived in the tower with the writer and sometime politician, Oliver St. John Gogarty. Today, the tower houses a Joyce museum. Look through the letters and photographs on hand and then enjoy the view from the top of the tower.

No trip to Dublin would be complete without a drive to Johnny Fox's, about 30 minutes outside of the city. As you drive up the winding mountain roads, the air grows thinner and cooler, all around pasture land rises to the sky. Just when you think you must have missed it, that there couldn't be a restaurant in what

looks like the middle of nowhere, you come upon the low, whitewashed building. Inside, it is warm and welcoming. The sound of a fiddle carries through the labyrinthine rooms and voices ring out, laughing and calling for another round, another plate of Fox's famous crab claws. All that is good about Ireland

you'll find in the atmosphere of Fox's. Just sit back and let it all sink in.

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Hungrier? Walk three doors down the street to Stairs Farm Tea Shop, where I looked out leaded-glass windows across green hills while I devoured chicken and leak pie with potatoes, cauliflower, zucchini and peas, and a pot of tea with scones, strawberry jam and thick cream, for \$11.50.

CANTERBURY

Today's pilgrim goes by car, bus or train to Canterbury. I chose the train, not wanting to drive after a long plane trip. Canterbury has two stations, east and west, both of which are reached from London's Victoria Station. Take the Dover Priority train stopping at Canterbury East for the more scenic approach to the town, a 10-minute walk along the top of the old walled fortifications. It's the same distance

from the west station, same fare, same ticket.

I was continuing to Dover, where I would rent a car for three days, so I bought a five-day return ticket, London to Dover, for \$29.60. Such tickets can't be used until after 9:30 a.m. You may hop on and off the train anywhere along the line until you reach your final destination. It's about 90 minutes from London to Canterbury and another 30 to Dover.

The cathedral is the heart of Canterbury, but there is much more going on within the walls of this bustling town, historically a staging post on the route from London to the port of Dover. Poet and dramatist Christopher Marlowe was born here in 1564, in a house destroyed by bombs in 1942. Charles Dickens loved the place and sent David Copperfield to school here in the novel of that name. And the Clerk of the Works who oversaw rebuilding of the cathedral nave in the 14th century was a poet named Geoffrey Chaucer.

The characters of Chaucer's poems are moderately moneymakers at the Canterbury Tales Visitor

Attraction and Gift Shop in a medieval church in St. Margaret's Street. It's dark, moderately interesting, costs \$7, and I fled in 20 minutes, driven out by the amazing stench of the ancient structure.

Just walking the streets and seeing the old buildings is a treat. If you can do so without tripping over your fellow pilgrims. These days most of them come to see, and buy souvenirs. But for centuries pilgrims came to pray at Canterbury Cathedral and seek intercession from St. Thomas a Becket, the archbishop murdered on the altar steps by henchmen of King Henry II. Becket had made the mistake of upholding the authority of the church against power grabs by Henry.

The cathedral is the mother church of Anglican Christians, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England. It is filled with richly made tombs in many materials, and its windows are made of some of the world's finest stained glass, both medieval and modern. Don't miss Erwin Bossanyi's wonderful modern window representing Peace Among the Nations of the World.

A GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

It's the happy accidents that make a trip. While I was packing, a friend called to recommend a Tudor manor where she had stayed in the county of Kent. That's how I wound up eating three splendid desserts at one meal, cooked by our Cordon Bleu-trained hostess, Katherine Morgan.

My friend had sent Morgan some hard-to-find baking supplies, and that kind gesture helped me get in on short notice at the Old Cloth Hall in Cranbrook, where normally people have to book months in advance. The house is one of the Wolsey Lodges, a consortium of privately owned homes welcoming visitors.

Inside are comfortable beds, vast bathtubs and a baronial living room. Outside are a large swimming pool and farm buildings, including an east house. These round stone buildings with conical roofs dot the Kent landscape. They were built to hold hops for making beer. These days many have been converted to pricey commuter cottages.

Morgan checked all my travel plans, called London so I could book a theater ticket, and set me on the right roads each morning. She also persuaded me to skip much-visited Sissinghurst, 10 minutes away, in favor of a new garden in the neighborhood, Pleshley Manor.

Sissinghurst is a "closed" garden, set up as a series of outdoor rooms. Pleshley Manor is open, with one landscaped area opening to another for long vistas. Fifteen years ago it was all misty water and native tree, with a walled garden full of goats and pigs. Then James and Angelesa Sellick bought the Tudor-Georgian manor and set about creating a garden kingdom at Kitchurst in East Sussex.

One of the delights is taking tea on the terrace, looking across an open stretch of water past swans and geese to an island set with yew trees and an old temple. Try the homemade shortbread a huge slab is \$1.25. The gardens are open April through September.

THE CINQUE PORTS

The starting point for the whole trip was my desire to see the Romney Marsh, scene of much smuggling in past centuries, and the neighboring Cinque Ports. That's Norman French for five ports, although eventually there were seven: Romney, Dover, Hythe, Dungeness, Rye, Winchelsea and Hastings. They were granted special privileges by the king in exchange for providing ships and men to protect England in the days before the Royal Navy.

I first read about them in *The Unknown Ajax* by George Heyer, who invented the Regency Romance

genre. (Don't blame her for the mostly poor imitators who flourish today—Heyer was a noted historian and got things right, as well as writing entertainingly.)

The two most notable are Rye, now miles inland, and Dover, the only one still a seaport. We remember Hastings because of the Battle of Hastings, but actually that 1066 conflict was fought six miles inland at what is now the town of Battle.

The dominant feature there is Battle Abbey, a sprawling grey stone wreck that overlooks the fields where William the Conqueror led his Norman French forces to victory over the Saxon King Harold. Today, sheep graze placidly on the field where William's Norman cavalry hacked Harold's forces to pieces.

Rye, twice burned down by the French, stands on a hill surrounded by salt marshes that have cut it off from the sea.

You can drive all the way around Rye on the flat before parking the car and climbing up, up, up over break-neck cobblestones to the top. There, climb the tower of St. Mary the Virgin church for a view of the surrounding countryside. Forget it if you're more than average weight. I could barely squeeze through one of the stone passages to the bell-ringing chamber.

See the Land Gate, the Ypres Tower and Rye Museum, and start down Mermaid Street past the Mermaid Inn where those murderous cutthroats the Hawkhurst smuggling gang used to bang out. A few hundred feet more and you're down on The Quay (actually a street) at the Tourist Information Centre. It houses my favorite discovery of the trip, the Rye town model.

In 1973 a retired local school teacher, Joy Harland, decided to make a scale model of St. Mary's church, working in foam plastic. She liked it so much she made a few more buildings. Two years later she had recreated the entire town as it looked in the early 19th century. Her husband, Ted, hollowed it out and wired and lighted it. They wrote a script and recorded a 20-minute sound and light show that recounts, with thunder and lightning, the town history with all its invasions, murders and scandals. Admission is \$3.10.

Take the road from Rye to Dover and you cross the Romney Marsh, about 50,000 acres of flat land supporting endless flocks of sheep. In the early 19th century and earlier, the marsh also supported smugglers bringing in prized foreign goods, especially French wines and brandies.

Dover today is a town of about 35,000 and a principal ferry port. It is the English town closest to France and has been a major landing place since the Romans built a lighthouse there to guide their troops across the English Channel. There have been settlements in the area since iron age days. Its white cliffs are symbols of homecoming.

You can trace its history from Roman times through World War II at the White Cliffs Experience, admission \$7.75. Upstairs is a room built like an old Channel ferry, a recreated wartime street, and a 15-minute show of animated marine figures that the kids will love. The star is Corporal Cmb. He talks, as do clams, seagulls and the cliffs themselves.

Since 1181 Dover Castle loomed atop the cliffs, and since Napoleonic days, there have been tunnels through the cliffs from castle to cliff wall. First built because of a shortage of barracks, they became a refuge from German bombs and shelling in World War II.

Today you can take the "Hellfire Corner" tour of the tunnels. Here troops worked and sometimes lived in dripping tunnels 280 feet long, heated only by fireplaces with chimneys carved up through 100 feet of chalk. You can see the reconstructed communications center that controlled artillery and monitored ship traffic throughout the area.

Here, from a tiny terrace at the sea end of one tun-

nel, Vice Adm. Bertram Ramsay masterminded the "Miracle of Dunkirk" in nine days in May and June of 1940, that unprecedented military-civilian effort plucked 338,000 trapped British and French troops from French beaches saving them to fight again another day against Nazi forces which at that moment had driven all Allied forces off the European Continent.

The tour includes a 35-minute film, shown in an underground cavern. It depicts the horrors of living underground and under artillery bombardment. As it ends, we hear the piercingly sweet voice of Vera Lynn, singing the wartime song of hope and longing that looks ahead to the day when once again, "There'll be bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover."

By Car or Train, Getting Around Easier With Tips

You'll see more by car, but trains from London will whisk you everywhere I went, except Pleshley Manor and White-the-Pooh country. Trains to the region is from Victoria Station or Charing Cross.

If you're planning your own trip in England or anywhere in western Europe, spend \$27.50 on the Thomas Cook European Timetable, available at travel book stores or by calling the Forsyth Travel Library in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, at (913) 913/384-3440. If a train exists, it's listed there. Or for \$19.95 there is the slightly light-weight Thomas Cook Timetable for Britain, France and Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg).

If driving, be aware that roads are narrow and crooked. A distance that might take 20 minutes to cover in the United States will take two or three times as long in England. You'll stay safer and easier if you spend more money and rent a car with automatic shift. Check opening hours before you go, especially in the off season. Many attractions close by 3 p.m. then.

General information about southeast England, including trains, buses, attractions and accommodations, is available from various British Tourist Associations.

The Old Cloth Hall, Cranbrook, Kent TN11 3NR, England; call (001) 44-1580-71320. Wolsey Lodges, 17 Chapel Street, Bileston, Suffolk IP7 7EP, England, for a free brochure on members, rates, addresses and telephone call (001) 44-1449-741771.

Pleshley Manor, Titchhurst, East Sussex TN5 7HE, England, to write for hours, driving directions and special flower festival schedules during the year; call (001) 44-1580-200692.

Pooh Corner, High Street, Hartfield, East Sussex TN7 4AE, England; call (001) 44-1892-770453. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays and English Bank Holidays.

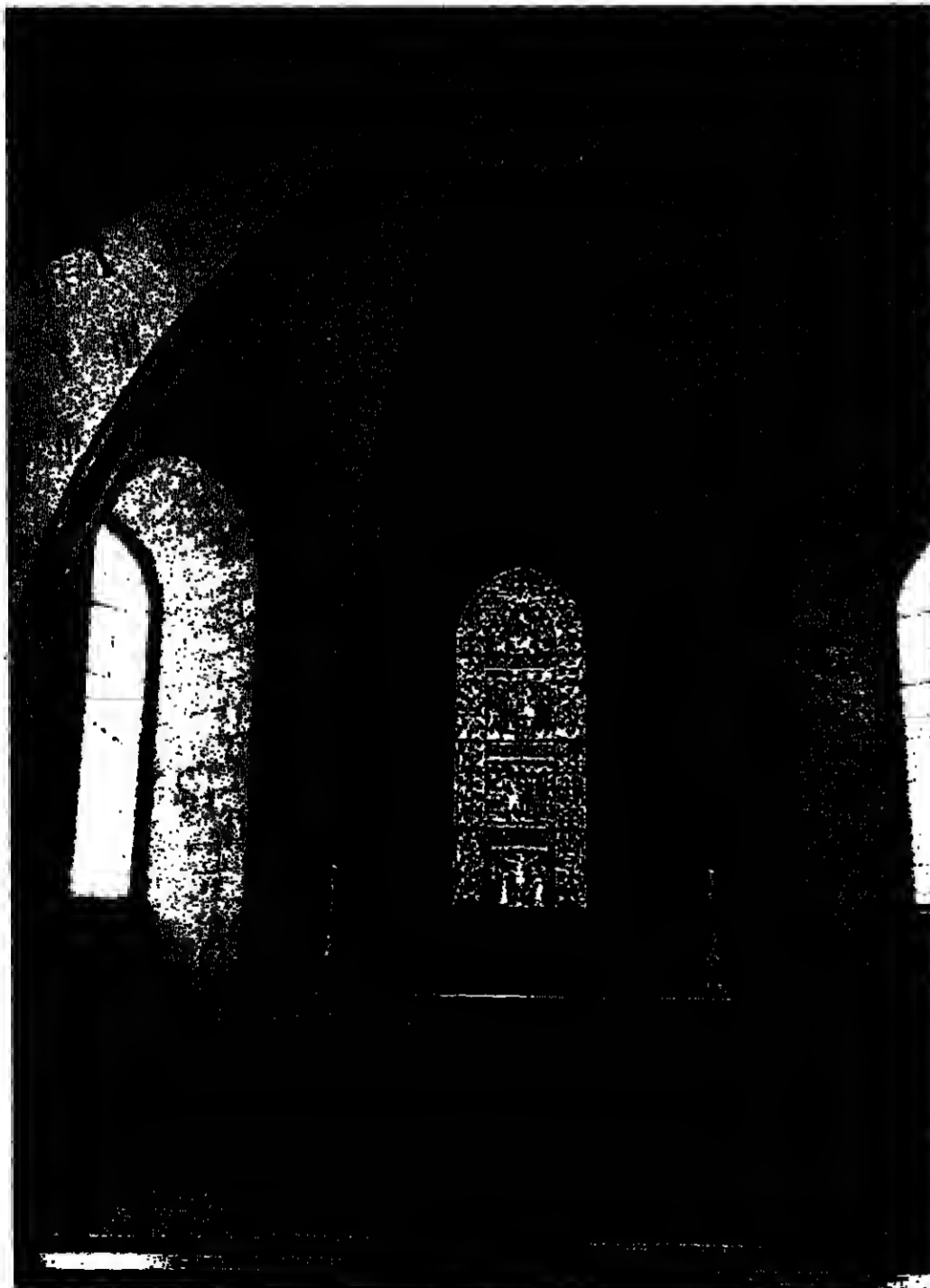


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Canterbury Cathedral is full of many visual treasures such as fine stained glass, richly made tombs and this elegant space.

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LONDON (Reuters) - UK shares ended a nervous session little changed as another volatile start on Wall Street kept many institutional investors on the sidelines... The FTSE 100 index ended for 0.8 higher at 3,640.3.

Blue-chip stocks end lower

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks fell yesterday as the market was led lower by Treasury bonds... The Dow Jones industrial average closed 15.17 points lower at 5,568.72.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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Table of dollar cross rates (US) for various currencies like Pound, Franc, Mark, Yen.

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SPORTS

Sri Lanka advances to final

Disgruntled India fans disrupt game, force abandonment

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - Sri Lanka's joy at reaching their first World Cup final was overshadowed by a bitter Indian crowd yesterday when an explosive Eden Gardens semifinal had to be abandoned because of trouble in the stands.

of the day-night encounter, confident their side could overhaul the Sri Lankan total and reach Sunday's final in Lahore.

threatening to win the match comfortably in company with Sanjay Manjrekar during a second-wicket stand of 90.

total that looked to be about 20 runs short of causing India real concern. It turned out to be more than enough.

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Waugh set for semifinal despite injury

STEVE Waugh is expected to be fit for Australia's World Cup day-night semifinal today against West Indies despite nursing an injury on the eve of the match.



ALL SMILES - Magic Johnson looks to pass around Portland's Harvey Grant during Tuesday's game.

Winning streaks end for Utah and Orlando

NEW YORK (AP) - Bad night to take the court with a seven-game winning streak.

Nuggets 110, Magic 93 Denver put aside the controversy over Mohamed Abdul-Rauf's suspension and played one of its best games of the season.

Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 99 Rod Strickland had 23 points and 12 assists for the visiting Blazers, who have won three in a row after losing 10 of their previous 12.

March Madness is in the air

ANYBODY out there selling a used TV? With the NCAA tournament starting, we're looking for about three extra sets to set up around the house so we can catch all the action, which begins tomorrow.

handled by Oded Mazour for Sports Channel. Mazour actually was pretty impressive - he seemed to be well-versed in college hoops, and his delivery was smooth.

moments aren't lost somehow. The Connecticut game was also exciting, with Opher Shelach and Ronen Gorevitch in the studio for Sports Channel, which deserves credit for getting the game on the air - 3 p.m. Sunday - so soon after it was played.

ly different version, at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Barcelona sweeps to Final Four in Euro hoops

BARCELONA swept to the Final Four with a decisive 96-66 victory over visiting Ulker Istanbul, the second straight rout over the Turks in the best-of-three European Club Championship quarter-finals.

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